TETRIS™

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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I. INTRODUCTION

It's better than caviar, as colorful as a St. Petersburg carnival, more laughs than a barrel of Mongolian devils wearing babushkas. It's Tetris, the new Soviet import that will keep you entertained for hours.

This is the game to end the cold war. Watch many-sided shapes tumble onto the screen while you move and rotate them, trying to get them to stack without leaving any holes. Every time you fill up a horizontal row, the row disappears. If you leave holes, the shapes stack up until they reach the top of the screen and the game's over.

Watch the paced, controlled action turn into a madhouse as you try to wrestle the shapes into place. Chess-masters, move over. You haven't seen real strategy at work until you've played Tetris.

II. GETTING STARTED

With your Nintendo® system set up and connected, insert the Tetris game pak into the control deck. Then press the power switch to turn on the control deck and start the game.

Note: Press the reset button at any time during play to start a new game.

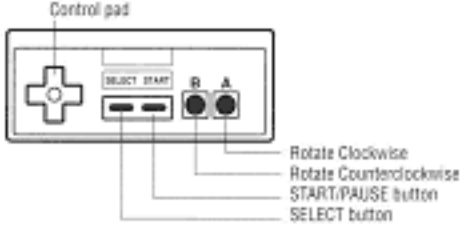
III. USING YOUR CONTROLLER

[A Button] Each touch rotates a shape 90 degrees *clockwise.*

[B Button] Each touch rotates a shape 90 degrees *counterclockwise.*

Controller 1

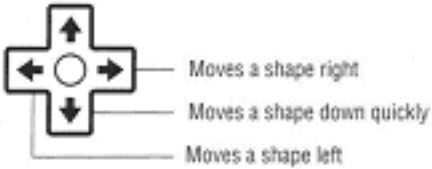
Controller 2



Controller 1: used by first player to select game-play variations and play the left side pieces.

Controller 2: used by second player to select game-play variations and play the right side pieces.

[CONTROL PAD]



Note: Pressing the LEFT and DOWN buttons or the RIGHT and DOWN buttons at the same time will result in no movement. This is for your protection.

IV. SELECTING OPTIONS

SELECT BUTTON

Press this button to scroll through the options. A marker appears next to the selected option. (You can also scroll by pressing the UP or DOWN square on the control pad.)

START BUTTON

Press this button to go to the next option screen. Press it again after the last option screen to start play. During a game, press this button to pause; press it again to resume play.

"GAME PLAY SELECT" — Game-Play Variations

1 Player: One player using controller 1.

2 Player: Two-player competition, using both controllers. Both players receive the same shapes in the same order.

Cooperative: Two-player cooperative. Both players receive the same shapes in the same order.

Versus Computer: One player against the computer. Both the player and the computer receive the same shapes in the same order.

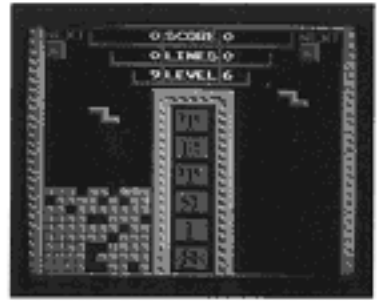
With Computer: One player cooperating with the computer. Both the player and the computer receive the same shapes in the same order.

Level Select

Choose a game difficulty level from 0 through 9. The higher the level, the faster the shapes tumble. In a two-player game, both players press their select key in order to choose individual difficulty levels.

Handicap Select

Choose a number of lines: 0, 3, 6, 9, or 12. When the game starts, that number of horizontal lines will already be stacked on screen. In a two-player game, both players press their select key in order to choose individual handicaps.



Music Select

Either player can select the background music desired.

V. THE TETRIS CHALLENGE

Whether you're a first-time player or a game champ, Tetris will challenge your skill at speed and maneuvering. As the colorful pieces descend, you have only seconds to rotate them to fit into the puzzle of shapes below.

Maneuver the shapes into position to fill all holes in the horizontal rows below. Once your piece is aligned, hold down the DOWN button on your control pad to drop the piece faster into place and double its score.

As pieces fall into place, the tower of shapes stacks up. Every time you fill a row, the row disappears. The game difficulty level increases and the pieces fall faster when a certain number of lines is reached.

Note: When you're playing a one-player game, the other side of the screen keeps track of the pieces you've used so far.

Screen Adjustment: Some televisions may not show the entire bottom or top row of the game screen. If your TV is like that, press the UP or DOWN buttons on both control pads simultaneously when the title screen (pictured on page 1) is showing. Doing this moves your screen display up or down. The change stays in effect until you turn off the power or adjust the display again with your control pads.

VI. END OF GAME AND CONTINUATION

Keep filling the rows to lower the tower and you'll stay in the game. If the tower reaches the top of the screen, the game's over.

Pressing the A and B keys at the same time whenever GAME OVER is shown will restart a player with the same pieces, level and handicap. (This will not interfere with the second player in a two-player game.)

VII. VARIATIONS

When playing a two-player game, there are several ways to determine a winner. You can play to the highest score, or race each other to a predetermined number of lines. For another game variation, play a timed game to see who can get the highest score or number of lines filled in a set length of time. Use the handicap feature to make your winning variations even more challenging.

The most popular variation is to use the handicap feature and race each other to see who can remove all the "holes" first. This is excellent practice to improve your game, even in a one player game.

VIII. STRATEGY

First watch the computer play in the demonstration mode. Next try a few practice games before playing Tetris in earnest. Concentrate on learning how to fill lines before trying for high scores, and watch the self running demonstration game for hints.

While you're still learning the game, keep the top level of your tower as flat as possible. Deep pits are difficult and sometimes impossible to fill. Avoid building narrow holes that are two or more squares deep. These can only be filled with L-shaped pieces or red bars.

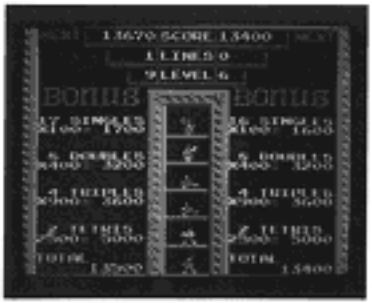
It sometimes pays to stack up odd pieces along the sides, since the middle of the tower is easier to fill.

Keep an eye on the next piece to come. It will help you decide where to put the piece that's falling.

Sometimes you should fill a hole, rather than wait forever for the right piece. Only experience can tell you when to do this.

IX. SCORING

Each piece earns a score when it drops into the puzzle. Scoring is based on the difficulty level and the horizontal row the piece drops into. Rows are numbered from the bottom up. The higher your row and difficulty level, the higher your score.



Tetris has a total of 18 difficulty levels (although level 9 is the highest level you can start at). During play, your difficulty level will increase when you reach 30, 60, 90, 120, 150, 200, 250, etc. lines.

When either player reaches a new difficulty level, game play will stop to award the players with a bonus for every single, double, triple and Tetris scored. For every single line deleted 100 points are awarded. 400 will be awarded for double lines deleted, 900 for triples and 2500 for a Tetris. As you can see it is very advantageous to score a Tetris.

In addition to a bonus, dancers will enter to entertain the player. The number of dancers depends on the number of triples and Tetris scored.

The player may abort the bonus scoring and dancers by pressing any button.

The game will maintain a high score table with 15 scores and initials. If your scores are good enough, you may enter your initials by using the Left and Right buttons on your control pad. Pressing A or B will advance to the next initial. Select will reset the process and is used if you make a mistake.

Note:

- It is possible to enter more than one set of initials at the same time.
- All initials will be lost when the power is turned off.